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Dear Air Board-

I am writing this letter to you to express my concern over City Council trying to shut down Alexandria's main energy supplier. It has come to my attention recently that Mirant Power wants to make improvements on the power plant to the existing stacks by installing a stack merge that will release the emissions higher into the air thus improve the air quality around the plant.

From what I understand, the City Council will not grant Mirant Power the permit that they need to make this improvement. They have exhausted millions of dollars fighting Mirant Power on this issue. I feel that the city is gambling with our safety. Mirant must feel that this procedure needs to be done to improve air quality near the plant. The city cannot afford to have this power plant close. Mirant has said they will cover the total cost of the stack merge.

I moved to Alexandria in 1994 and have since retired from my profession. I plan on staying in this community for many years. I love the small town feel that the city offers. The power plant is part of this city and I feel that it should stay that way.

I am asking you to please do what you can to get Mirant power the proper permits to keep them up and running. Tell City Council to stop throwing our hard earned money away and allow Mirant to do what they need to make air cleaner for the environment.

Thank you,



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